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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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MIXED BATHING



RIGHT or WRONG?

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, Editor

Many fundamental Christians are greatly shocked that some Bible-believing Christians in the South use tobacco or that Christian women in the South paint their faces or lips or nails. On the other hand, fundamentally-sound and devoted Christians in the South are nearly always shocked when they find that fundamental Christians in the North have mixed bathing at their summer Bible Conferences, and that elsewhere Christian men and women and young people go swimming together and sometimes do not feel it is wrong.

Christians who really lay all on the altar for God try to follow the command of I Corinthians 10:31: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." So Christians must carefully consider every amusement, every custom, to see that it glorifies God and does not offend and does not do harm or lead into temptation.

Several things are agreed upon by the best Christians in regard to mixed bathing.

1. Bathing, or swimming, is not wrong. There is nothing wrong in swimming. It is good exercise. It is a real pleasure. It may help to develop personality and character. Swimming is not wrong.

2. We must recognize, also, that it is natural for young people to like to swim together. In the case of dancing, young people dance for sex thrill and men never dance alone. But that is not true about swimming. Boys or men often swim without girls and have a wonderful time. The exercise itself is interesting, the competition in swimming and diving adds to the fun, and so we have no right to say that swimming is primarily a matter of sex interest, with most young people. Girls who are not very good swimmers may feel safer with men about, and boys certainly like to have girls or women about to see them show off. People like to be together in the water for the same reason that they like to be together elsewhere. And this natural gregarious spirit, this tendency to have fun in crowds, is not of itself wrong.

3. However, nudity is still wrong. It is definitely wrong for a woman to expose so much of her body as to emphasize sex appeal. Any unusual exposure of a woman's body is naturally a temptation to men and young men. And the swim suits worn these days cover so much less of a woman's body than even the ordinary street clothes, that the best

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The Love of God

By REV. OSWALD J. SMITH, Litt.D.
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This Book I hold in my hand is the Bible. It is the greatest book in the world. No man is educated until he knows the Bible. I have read it every day of my life for over forty years, and I am going to read it every day until I see my Saviour face to face. I would urge you to do the same.

Many years ago an African chief visited Queen Victoria in England. When he was leaving he asked her a question. "Your Majesty," he inquired, "what is the secret of England's greatness?"

"The Bible," was the immediate

response of the Queen.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people," declares the Word of God. The nation that turns from the Bible is doomed. It was the Reformation that made Germany the leading nation of Europe and the Reformation was based on the Bible. When Germany denied the authority of the Bible, she perished. When France substituted sin for righteousness, she was lost. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). And what is true of nations is also true of individuals.

This Book means more to me than any other book in the world. It is my meat and my drink. The more I study it, the more I love it. There is no other like it. It is God's Book. When I read it, God speaks to me. I hear His voice. By it men are saved. By it men live. And by it men are going to be judged. It is our one and only authority. This Book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Book.

Now, the greatest book in the Bible is the Gospel of John. And the greatest chapter in John's Gospel is the third. The greatest verse in the third chapter is the sixteenth. This is what it says: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,



Dr. Oswald J. Smith

that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This, my friends, is the heart of the Gospel. More souls have been saved through John 3:16 than through any other verse. It is the best known verse in the Bible and it has been translated into more languages than any other. It is the greatest statement concerning the love of God on record. Moreover, it is God's Word.

About a thousand years ago now, a Jewish song writer, Meir Ben Isaac Nehoric, wrote a stanza about the love of God, which was later published in "A Book of Jewish Thoughts," compiled by Joseph Herman Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire. But no one ever heard of it until one day it was found pencilled on the wall of an insane asylum by an inmate who had died. How he had found it no one will ever know. In my mind it is the greatest poem on the love of God ever

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The Divine Image Restored

By BISHOP C. F. DERSTINE
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"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." I John 3:1-3.

Man was created in the image of God. This image was lost through sin. The image was seen again in the Person of Jesus Christ. Presently, it is the divine intent to restore this image. In the first place we have the

Arresting Word—"Behold!"

It is a command to view, scan, gaze upon, regard, discern. The writer, St. John, tells about something that is unusual and of vast importance. In this instance he reviews the "love of God," what it has already done for us. He implies that this love cannot be comprehended, but that it should be recognized. This love has raised Christians from the ruin of sin, lifted them from the very suburbs of Hell, exalted them to the high place of honor and distinction by adoption into the family of God. This love, he informs us, will yet translate us into Heaven's glory, and transforms us into the perfect divine image. No wonder that he exultantly writes: "Behold, what manner of love." The breadth of this love reaches Jew and Gentile; the length of this love reaches unto the day of redemption; the depth of this love reaches downward to the lowest sinner. This love will raise any sinner to the height of being "seated together with Christ in the heavenly places." Next he writes of

The Amazing Wonder! —
"What Manner of Love"

The manner of this love is best seen in the fact that we were "chosen in him" from before the foundation of the world. This "adopting love" is doubly set forth because God took the initiative in "loving us, before we loved him."

This love is the "bestowal of the Father." That is, the God of the universe grants those who believe in His Son the place of sonship alongside His Son, a position unearned and undeserved. That is,

He actually lavished His love upon us, not niggardly. St. John stops the calm reasoning of the chapter preceding, and reveals as he gloriously expounds the thrilling fact of God's love. He uses the personal pronoun "we." This puts Himself on the level of the "lowest believer." He boasts, like St. Paul, in the mercy vouchsafed for us.

"The manner of God's love" is all the more glorious because of the fact that believers are "called the sons of God." That is, God "justifies the ungodly that believe." Our standing is in Christ and is not a matter of maturity. The moment a sinner believes, he is as saved as he ever will be.

This is illustrated in the book of Acts where the account is given of the salvation of three widely different types of sinners. The black Ethiopian treasurer from Africa was traveling in a chariot, returning from Jerusalem, where he had undoubtedly procured a

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Bishop C. F. Derstine

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By The Editor

We had a total of 47,000 copies printed of three separate folders for the three summer conferences on evangelism this year, sponsored by THE SWORD OF THE LORD. These conferences are:

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Many pastors, evangelists, ministers and ministerial students could not attend such a conference, (Continued on Page 6)

"Compel Them to Come in"

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, Editor

(Message to Sunday School teachers and officers of Highland Park Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, September 12, 1948. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his Lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper."—Luke 14:16-24.

Notice particularly verses 21 and 23: "So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. . . . And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

Going After Sinners Is The Main Duty of Christians

Sunday School teachers need to learn to compel people to be saved, compel people to come to Sunday School, compel them to listen to the Bible, compel them to get converted. It may sound impossible, but when you remember that Jesus Christ is the One who said it, then you know that we can compel them to come in.

In this parable which Jesus gave are a great many of the difficulties that a soul winner meets. Yet He still commands us to go and get them. Jesus says that many will lie about it. Some will say, "I know it is night, but I must see some ground; I've already bought it, but I must see it tonight at supper time." Somebody else will say, "Well, I bought five yoke of oxen. I have not tried them yet, but tonight at supper time I am going to hitch them up and break them in." Another will say, "I've married a wife and so cannot come." Now, all of those are silly excuses.

People today make silly excuses. Some will make alibis, some will lie; some will turn it down. Yet Jesus plainly says, "That is all right; you go and get them! If you work you can get some people. If you cannot get one you can get another. Go

ahead." Analyze what Jesus said here and you find that the main thing for a Christian is to go. He said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind."

The servant came back and said, I've done what you said and there is some more room."

"Have you been all over town—down the main streets, in the back alleys and lanes of the city?"

"Yes."

"All right, then, go out into the country and compel them to come in that My house may be filled."

The main thing about soul winning is to go after people. Somebody says, "Well, I just don't have the talent." No, that is not the main thing. You do not have the gumption and the get-up. That is all! It is not talent you need. Mainly it is faithfulness enough to go and do what God said to do, what Jesus Christ commanded. Anybody who will work at it can win souls because that is the main thing. Jesus said to go, to work at it.

This is what the Bible says everywhere else. In Psalm 126:6 the Scripture says: "He that goeth forth . . ." The first thing to do about soul winning is to go. In the Great Commission Jesus said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore . . ." And in Mark 16:15 the Lord put it in these words: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel . . ." The go is before preaching. The go is before teaching. The go is before baptizing. The going is the main thing. You did not fail in the teaching so much. You are likely to fail more in the going. That is the way it is.

Follow the example of New Testament Christians and you will find that the main thing they did was to go. They were not extraordinary men. Peter was a fisherman. Levi was a common tax collector. James and John were fishermen, and Andrew. They were ordinary people—uneducated, more or less. In fact, we are told in the book of Acts that "when they saw . . . that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled and took knowledge of them . . ." They just turned the world upside down, yet they were ignorant and unlearned men. They did what Jesus said: they went. Now, listen to me people; you teachers get this on your hearts: "I can go and get people for Jesus." That is the main thing a Christian ought to do. Your burden ought to be, "I must get people for Jesus! I can go and fill up my class. I can get them to Jesus Christ. That is what He commanded me to do!"

Some people have the idea that the main thing God requires is that you be a good talker. Oh, if you can just have the gift of gab! Oh, if you can just put it

over on the people; if you can just turn on your magnetism and personality and shine! But that is not what the Lord says. All a good servant had time to do was to hotfoot it from one place to another and say, "You are invited, you remember. Will you be there tonight?"

Then he would come back and report: "I told them and a lot of them said they would not come."

"All right, then, go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city. Get a move on. Step on it! You are too slow—go ahead!"

He would report back again and say, "I've done everything you told me and yet there is room."

"Have you been to every lane and street in town?"

"Yes."

"Well then go out into the country, in the highways and the hedges and to the creek bottoms. Go and compel them to come in!"

Now what I am trying to lay on your heart is that God's plan for soul winning is primarily to go after people. God intends for Christians to go get people saved.

Difficulties Need Not Prevent You From Winning Souls

Now, second, there are difficulties—certainly! But there are not any difficulties that can keep you from winning somebody. This servant went to one man and said, "I want you to come; you are invited."

The fellow said, "I have bought some ground; I am bound to go and see it tonight."

Another fellow said, "I've bought some oxen."

Another said, "I'm married." Well, you know even if a man is married he can still go to church. A man who is married can still be saved. A man who is married can still take his wife out to dinner. You are going to meet objections. You are going to meet alibis. You are going to have some disappointments. You will not get everybody. But if you cannot win one, go and get another one. There is always somebody you can get.

In Dallas two women, Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Crawford, one time went to do soul winning. They went down Tenth Street where, there were many nice houses, a lovely residence district, the nicest in our end of town. Up and down the street they went. When they came back they were so discouraged! "Well," they said, "we did win one woman, a maid. Nearly always we were met at the door by a maid. The maid would say, 'Madam doesn't have time to talk to you today,' or 'She is out,' or something else. Most of the time we couldn't even get into the house. In a few cases we got to talk to the colored maid, but that was all. We have walked until our feet are sore—we have walked half a day—and we have won just one soul."

"Well," I said, "if you won just one soul and could do that every half day, hallelujah! That would be over seven hundred in a year's time! And if you could keep one soul out of Hell for a million years by a half a day's work, why that would be wonderful. You shouldn't feel bad about that! But if you cannot win one, try another. Did they turn you down? All right,

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go down here on Elm Street, down by the park where there are a lot of little shotgun houses, on little twenty-five foot lots. [The houses had rooms right behind each other because they did not have room to spread out any other way.] Go down there. The maid will not come to the door, because they do not have any maid. The Madam will not say she is busy, because nearly all of them are on relief and the whole family will be at home. They go down on the railroad track and pick up a few extra pieces of coal that fall off the coal cars in the wintertime."

I knew how it was because I had been down there just a few nights before to take a pair of shoes to a girl so she could come to Sunday School. They called in the neighbors next door and said, "Wait, Brother Rice, you and Mrs. Rice sit down." They went and got the neighbors on either side and said, "Brother Rice is over at our house. Come over and hear him talk." And they got the whole house full of people for me to preach to.

So I said, "They won't run you off. You may not win the hoity-toity and the up-and-outs. But down there where they are poor, where they are on relief, where their floors are uncovered, where they do not get to go to church much because they have only shabby clothes and are tickled because a preacher pays them some attention—I say those people will listen to you." Listen! You can always get somebody. You cannot win everybody; but, thank God, you can win somebody. If you cannot get one, go and get another.

Here is a wonderful thing; it is the plan throughout the Bible. Paul would go somewhere to preach and they would kick him out of the synagogue. So he got used to getting kicked out. He would preach the best he could and get a few Jews converted, then they would kick him out and he would go to the Gentiles. He would go right next door to the synagogue and start a meeting. He would go first to the Jews and win some. Then there would come a row and a big fight. Maybe he would get beaten or put in jail, or stoned. Then he would preach to the Gentiles. He went over to Rome and talked to those people. Some of them were converted and some were not. Some started trouble and Paul said, "Lo, I turn to the Gentiles." He said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Rom. 1:14). If he could not get Jews, he got Gentiles. If he could not get the up-and-outs, he got the down-and-outs. Go and get them!

I love this noble church and your fine pastor. But do you know one danger? You people are so nice that you are likely to get to where you do not care for people who do not have their faces washed. You are likely to get to where you do not think so much

of the people who cannot dress up for Sunday. If you do not watch your step you will be sinning against God. You will get so smart and hoity-toity that you will not pay any attention to the halt and the lame and the blind. Jesus said, "If you can't get these people who were invited first, go and get the poor and the lame and the halt and the blind. If they will not hear you, get out into the country and get the country people, then." You can always get somebody. If you cannot get the ones you wanted first, get somebody else.

I remember in my boyhood home a Mrs. Smith. She had been praying for years for her husband. When revival meeting time came on she would say, "I want you people to pray for Jot. I am so burdened for Jot, my husband." One day she got up and said, "I had it out with God last night. I told God, 'All right—if you save my husband, well and good; but I am not going to let everybody else go to Hell while I pray for my husband. I am going out and get somebody who is interested in being saved.' You can always find somebody. That is the reason for the house-to-house visitation. That is the reason for running people down. Go and get them!"

Many Can Be Won Whom You Think Are Too Hard

Notice another thing: it is quite evident from the story here that if you only go you will find a lot of people who can be won whom you thought were too hard. You just thought you could not do it. Everywhere I go, Christian people have marked off a lot of people. They have said, "Now we can't win the Jews and we can't win the Catholics. And that other man—there is no use talking to him. He is an infidel. Here is another fellow; he is a drunkard—you can't win him. This other man doesn't like preachers—he just cusses preachers!" The first thing you know you have trimmed yourself down to a handful of children. And you let the rest of the world go to Hell. You ought to be ashamed. Listen to me! There are more people you could win if you ever made up your mind to it.

I know what you say here in Detroit. "The people are so worldly and there are so many churches." Yes, I know; but after I preached this morning and before I could get down to talk to the Sunday School class, I met in the aisle a fine Catholic young man, and talked to him. A young woman who is here was talking to him. I talked to him, too, and made it clear the plan of salvation. We prayed together, he trusted Christ and happily claimed the Lord. His father who was a backslider, came back and promised God and me he would be responsible for the boy and lead him on for the Lord. If you will pay any attention, you just stumble over people you can win.

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Then I talked to the class and before I could get out of there, here came a twelve-year-old girl to meet her dad and mother who were in the class. She is in the seventh grade. She is nobody's fool. She is not just a little bit of a kid; her body is taking on the form of womanhood. She already frizzles her hair, and is thinking about the boys. She, I found, had never been converted. In five minutes' time I won her to Christ.

What I am saying is that they are all about you, but you do not go after them. You could win people if you really tried. You could! People say, "Oh, you can't win Catholics." I beg your pardon. Thank God, I know, I win them, many of them. I know better than that. I won hundreds of Catholics and Jews. You can win Jews. We had a Jewish woman saved Friday night.

Some years ago I was in a tent meeting in downtown Brooklyn, right by the big Y.M.C.A. Grace, my daughter, had children's meetings. More little Italian boys and girls and Greek children and Slovaks came. She got a great crowd of Jews and Catholics. That was nearly all there were in that area. She said, "These are from Catholic and Jewish families and I must be tactful; I must take it easy." So she told them Bible stories, taught them little choruses, tried to win their friendship; but she did not press the matter of salvation, because she did not want to drive anybody away. The second and third days she did the same. About the fourth day she finally told them about sin, told them that all were sinners and were lost forever if they did not have Jesus, and urged them to turn to the Lord Jesus to save them. She said, "How many here know you are sinners?" The whole bunch of them knew they were sinners. "Well," she said, "God loves you and Jesus died for you. Don't you think you ought to come to Him?"

"Yes," they said.

"All right, we'll just ask Jesus to save you right now." And when they had their prayer, one by one these Jewish and Catholic children said they would take Christ as Saviour. A boy ten or eleven years old said, "Why, Miss Grace, listen! this is the most important thing in the world. Isn't it strange that none of us thought of this the first day?" Wasn't that a rebuke?

You go all around Robin Hood's barn about the matter when people are about to die and go to Hell. Don't you think people have any sense? Don't you think they have any conscience? Don't you think they know they have to meet God? Don't you think they know they are sinners? And you think you can't win Catholic! You could win them all the time if you tried.

I preached in Chicago "A Sermon From a Catholic Bible" and we had twenty-four professions that night—about half of them Catholics. Some of them follow me around when I go back to Chicago for a meeting. I was in a meeting out at Lawndale Bible Church the other day and a man and his wife came to hear me. They are members of the Moody Church and came all the way across Chicago, twelve or fifteen miles, to hear me preach because she had been a Catholic and was saved there in May two years ago. She said, "You don't remember me, do you? I was saved when you preached 'A Sermon From a Catholic Bible' out at the big Arena in Chicago. Oh, we will never forget you." You can win Jews and Catholics!

I am saying that there are many people you do not have any idea you could win but whom you could win if you went after them. Far more people have hungry hearts than you dream of.

After I attended Southwestern Seminary I was out in the pastorate some years. Then Mrs. Rice and I came back and built a home on Seminary Hill in Fort

Worth where the Southwestern Seminary is located. My wife attended the seminary church, the Gambrell Street Baptist Church, where she was in a Sunday School class with a hundred other women. It was taught by Mrs. L. R. Scarborough, the wife of the famous president of the Southwestern Seminary, a great evangelist and wonderful soul winner. At least half the women in the class, I suppose, were wives of preachers or wives of missionaries. Some of them were wives of the seminary faculty, others were wives of seminary students, others were wives of the missionaries, etc.

In the class there was one unsaved woman. My wife said to me one time when I came in from a meeting: "Dear, I am troubled about a woman in my class. There are a hundred women in the class and only one of them unsaved. She is there every Sunday. I suppose everybody has talked to her. She must be gospel-hardened. I don't know that we could do anything with her; yet I feel we ought to try. Would you go with me to see her?"

I said, "Yes, I'll go." We prayed a good deal about it. It was bound to be a tough case, we felt. She was bound to be gospel-hardened. She lived only two doors below Dr. Scarborough. A preacher lived on one side of her and a Christian educational worker on the other side. We felt that everybody surely had talked to her so much that she was hardened. So we hired a woman to come and spend a half day with the children. We felt, "This is going to be a hard fight. It will be a long, hard pull!" The woman came to stay with the children and we went over to the unsaved woman's house.

We knocked on the door, and with fear and trembling watched the door open. But the woman, instead of throwing hot water on us, said, "Why, Mrs. Rice, I'm glad to see you; come in! Is this Brother Rice?" (Down South all preachers are "brothers," you know.) We went inside. I wanted to talk to her about her soul but I felt "She must be so tough and hard that I must find some easy way to slip up on her"—you know, sort of bring the conversation around. We are so tactful sometimes, you know, that we never make contact!

I saw a lovely Bible and I thought, "Well, now I can talk to her about that Bible." I said "Say, this certainly is a nice Bible you have here."

"Yes," she said, "my mother gave me that last Christmas. I am very proud of it."

"That is fine. I understand that you are not a Christian, but if you were a Christian wouldn't it be fine? You and your husband could read some in this Bible every night before you go to bed. You could read it and have a good time. Wouldn't that be nice?"

"Well," she said, "but we already read it every night. Ever since Mother gave it to us last Christmas my husband and I have read a chapter every night." Well, that rather took the wind out of my sails. So I started again. "But if you were a Christian you could get down here and have prayer, ask God to keep you through the night, thank Him for the blessings of the day and talk to your heavenly Father. Wouldn't it be nice if you were a Christian?"

By this time there were tears in her eyes and she said, "But we do pray every night. We read a chapter in the Bible, and then he gets down by his chair and I get down by my chair here, and we pray. We have been doing that every night since last Christmas."

I finally got bold enough to just come out with the thing plainly, and I said, "Well, why aren't you saved?"

She began to sob like a little child—and sobbed and sobbed. "I want to be saved. I have done everything I know. We read the Bible. We pray every night. I don't know how!"

"Well," I said, "God bless you, you are sure going to find out

how!" I took that new Bible that she had been reading every day, turned to the third chapter of John and showed her how God loved her, how Jesus died for her and how that if she would put her trust in Jesus He would save her. In five minutes she was a happy Christian. Every Sunday morning she had been sitting in that Bible class with a hundred women, all of them Christians and half of them preachers' wives, and nobody had ever told her how to be saved, nobody had ever gone to see her and talk to her about it, nobody ever encouraged her to come to Jesus, nobody ever told her how, when she and her poor husband were living there in a home in the midst of preachers and Christian workers! What I am saying is that you can win souls. There are plenty of people you can win. But you do not work at it; you do not go after them!

The Saviour here says for you to go out and compel them to come in. "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." The Saviour is taking for granted that you are not to mind about the difficulties. There are plenty of people you can get.

Anybody Who Really Works At It Can Win Souls

Now, there is another thing that I want you to see; anybody can do it. I am so glad the Lord has business that fits anybody who is willing to be faithful. You do not have to be brilliant. There are

some who feel: "Now if you want something extra special—and in public, of course, where everybody will know it and where I will get applause—I will do it. But this drudgery of getting out and pushing doorbells and trudging from house to house, hard work like that—well, my talents are so great I can't do that."

A woman wrote to me and said she felt sure God wanted her to be a preacher. I said, "All right, get busy with your own family and your loved ones who are not saved."

"Oh," she said, "but with my talents I think God wants me to preach in public." She did not win her own children, did not win her next-door neighbors; but she thought she ought to put on a big show with her talents. The Lord Jesus isn't primarily concerned about talent. If it comes to ability, He has it already. If it comes to money, He already has it. The cattle on a thousand hills are His. The gold and silver are His. If He were hungry, He would not ask you. No, what you can give is the kind of devotion that gets out and puts your foot in your hand, as the old saying down South goes, and go after it. Just hotfoot it from door to door! Talk to one and then another. If they turn you down, go to some more, go with a broken heart—but keep going! Anybody can do it!

I wish you knew some of the soul winners I have known. I am thinking now about Hillus Gass

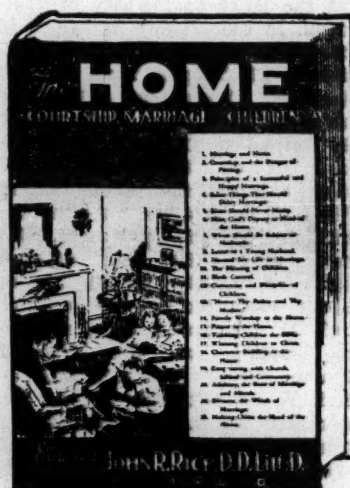
in Dallas, Texas. God bless him! Someone from there told us the other day that Hillus Gass was still going. For a time he was sick and they expected him to die. Now he has arthritis so bad that he can just barely shuffle along. But he gives out tracts and stops people and talks to them. He is unprepossessing. He came from a very poor family. He wears thick-lensed glasses. Besides that, he is abrupt in speech.

One time I was with him and some young fellows came along. He said, "Wait, Brother Rice, I want to talk to these boys." He said, "Here, boys, wait; I want to give you a tract." Then he asked each one of them if he were a Christian. They told him no, and he said, "Well, you are going to Hell then, aren't you?"

They said, "Well we guess so; we hadn't thought about it."

I remember when we had the Texas Centennial he wanted to go out to the fair. I thought he would get tired of that. But he would work a little, rake up some money and go for a day. Then he would work some more and go out again. All day long he would give out tracts, talk about the Lord and get people saved. He would say, "Boy, I wish I could do this every day." But he would have to go to work a little more and make enough money to pay his way for another day or two. Finally his brother-in-law said, "Listen, Hillus, I'm not much good at this. But I'll board you if you

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Mixed Bathing -- Right or Wrong?

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Christians must agree that the popular swim suits are not "modest apparel" commanded for women in I Timothy 2:9. What is wrong in mixed swimming is not the swimming but the nudity, the indecent exposure of the human body.

I believe that the tendency of men's swim suits is likewise bad. I do not know whether or not a boy with no clothing but swim trunks is a special temptation to girls. However, I think that as a general rule we may say that undue exposure of the human body encourages undue familiarity and is necessarily hurtful. Perhaps a man's half-nude body would have a tendency to arouse sex interest. But if not, it certainly indicates disrespect for the temple of the Holy Spirit, and all the Scriptures which forbid the uncovering of the human body before others indicate that it is wrong.

The Bible so clearly forbids unusual exposure of the body that we say beyond any doubt that mixed bathing of the general public in modern swim suits is definitely wrong. It is not the bathing that is wrong but the indecent exposure. For men and women to wear the same clothing

elsewhere would be wrong. It would be foolish and hurtful for young people to attend college classes in the same clothes that they swim in. No one suggests that it would be proper for people to work and attend to business in offices and stores with as much exposure of the body as is customary in swimming parties. That exposure of the body tends to civil. It is likely to arouse sex desire and lead to extreme temptation. It certainly tends to break down modesty and cause disrespect for the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit. And it certainly does not encourage a girl to keep her body for the husband that she hopes to have. The mixing of the sexes promiscuously in modern swim suits is certainly hurtful.

4. Wherever the clothing itself is proper and the behavior proper, I see no special harm in mixed swimming. When I was a young man in west Texas we often went fishing in the Big Wichita River. We would take a seine and in this net we would catch catfish, carp, buffalo, drum, gars and other river fish. We did not have swim suits. If we had had them it would not have been wise to wear them in the hot sun for long periods of time. We wore old clothes. Sometimes the women

and children of the family, or sometimes the women and children of two or three families who joined us in the fishing expedition, would go in the water to play in the late afternoon. All were fully clothed. For people who took their baths in a wash tub in the kitchen, it was a real delight to splash and swim and dive in the river. I did not think then and I do not think now there was anything at all displeasing to God in that.

Since I have a family of my own I have a few times taken them swimming. Once when my daughters were small we took them to Galveston, found a part of the beach where we would be alone and swam and played in the surf.

Sometimes mixed groups of good Christian people swim together without any apparent harm, where the conditions are the best and the people spiritual and consecrated. I have seen some such cases, where Christian women were careful not to remove their

robes until they stepped into the water, where family groups stayed somewhat apart by themselves, and where there was strict supervision to see that nothing unseemly took place. At the same time, it seems obvious that for people to appear without enough clothes on, and for young people to mix promiscuously with those of the opposite sex, in a state of semi-nudity, is certain to be a temptation to some and to lead to further sin.

I know that when I was a young Christian I sometimes went swimming in groups. I found it a temptation to me, found that it embarrassed me and hurt my testimony.

I would conclude, then, that if people want to swim in mixed groups, both men and women ought to cover the body decently and wear something besides the modern scanty swim suits. Christians should avoid the appearance of evil and flee from temptation.

The Divine Image Restored

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copy of the writings of Isaiah the prophet. He was reading, but did not understand what he read. The evangelist Philip entered the chariot, began at the same Scripture and preached unto him about Jesus Christ. He believed in Him, confessed Him at once, and was baptized—and went on his way rejoicing. That man was saved. He was at once adopted into the family of God. The same can be said of the jailor in the city of Philippi. In the evening he helped to flog two ministers, St. Paul and Silas. That night, when God interposed, shook that old prison, released them from their stocks, he turned to Christ in penitence and believed. He was saved. He was baptized the same night. Then he washed and anointed the stripes of his prisoners. He was saved. He was adopted into the family of God. The same book records the account of the conversion of Cornelius, a captain of the Imperial Italian guard. This man was religious, but not truly saved. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, trusted in His atoning death, and was adopted in the family of God.

However, the writer makes it clear that the world does not recognize this "royalty." They do not understand our character as the adopted children of God. They did not even comprehend the perfect character of Christ. Nevertheless, all believers are adopted into the family of God when they truly believe. In the third place take notice of the

Striking Word of Endearment—"Beloved"

This word "beloved" is a word that expresses deep affection. It is a difficult word to interpret. It is best experienced. It can be better understood by recalling the intense affection that good parents have for their children; the love that is manifested between lovers; the love that husbands and wives have for each other who are happily mated; the love that noble children have for their parents; the love that springs up between boon friends. God's love, so marvelously expressed towards us, reacts in producing the finest fellowship in the lives of true Christians. This is why St. John wrote with such intense feeling, "beloved." In the fourth place he speaks of

Our Marvelous Standing

"Now are we the sons of God." That is, in the days of our flesh, we are the children of Heaven. This new relationship to God made St. Paul write: "For this cause I bow my knees to the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, for whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." That is, we who were strangers to the family of God are now sons, heirs, and joint-heirs of all things. Once we were strangers to the family, rebels to the crown; now all this is changed. We have been given the right to call God—my God, the Father—our Father. It is written: "He is not ashamed to call us brethren."

Listen, "sons of God." The Father adopts. The Son, to make

it possible, laid aside the insignia of majesty, nay, even died to grant us the right to sonship. Now the Holy Spirit comes into the heart of the believer and witnesses to this sonship. This makes for the sense of reality. Altogether too often Satan would point to our imperfections, to the spots, wrinkles and such things in our lives. But it stands in Holy Writ: "Who is he that condemneth—it is God that justifieth—Christ that died—who also maketh intercession for us." "The Five Bleeding Wounds" He bears—they strongly speak for us. Fifth and Last—

Our Glorious Hope

"It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." All this glory is still future. That is—it is not visible; but it is explained that we shall be manifested at His appearing. This statement points ahead to the glorious second appearance of Christ, when He shall come in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, for His own.

St. John informs us that believers will then be given a "full orbed vision of Christ." The soul in its inmost depth shall be prepared to reflect, without one dimming shadow, the beams of infinite beauty. Today no revelation can reveal the "Infinite, Holy God," to our imperfect natures. The renewed mind must be like Him—to see Him as He is. Today Christians seek to train their spirits for the regions of "eternal light." But still our best attempts are like that of an ignorant man who can't read. For such a man there may be ample printer's ink and wooden pulp from which paper is made, and the best poetry, but there is no way of communication. Or, play Beethoven's greatest symphony to a Hottentot in Africa, who merely makes noise, without harmony. But—when Christ returns for His own—with the perfect vision of Himself, the process will be completed.

In the meantime, "everyone that hath this hope, purifieth himself, even as he is pure." This hope is a purifying hope. It promotes holiness, it promotes holiness in all who look for Him. Christ is the "Model of Purity." When men look for their Lord, this will end questionable habits, the frequenting of places that minister to the flesh rather than to the spirit.

How about you? Have you accepted this gracious good news—this gospel? Are you a "child of God"? This sonship is at your disposal. Or, will you leave this world, estranged from God, an alien in the universe? Bow your knees, let your lips say truly, "Lord I believe." Heaven is waiting. God bless you.

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"Compel Them to Come In"

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can go out there."

"All right," he said, "if I can just get a season ticket."

I told him I would pay \$15.00 for a season ticket. And, boy, was he in heaven! Brother W. E. Hawkins paid for a ticket for Charles Cline and they went out there all day every day. There was a girl show, so Brother Hillus went down there and talked to some of the girls. People would pay so much to see the carnival—to see the girls do their little dances, sing their little songs, and so on. A Jew came along and said, "Hey, you will ruin my business talking about Jesus Christ."

"Are you a Christian?"

"No; I'm a Jew."

"Well, wait a minute! You will go to Hell if you don't get Jesus Christ."

"Well, but I . . ."

"No, listen to what the Bible says . . ." And the Jew could hardly get away from him. So somebody else called a policeman.

The policeman said, "Here, you are disturbing people."

Brother Hillus Gass said, "I have a season pass; here is my ticket. Why can't I talk to anybody I want to?"

"Well, but you are causing trouble," he said.

Brother Hillus said, "Listen, officer, are you a Christian?"

"Oh, no," he said, "I-I . . ."

"But wait a minute, officer . . ." And if he didn't get that policeman converted! When the summer was over those two boys brought me a list of over five hundred who claimed Christ. They spent all day every day working at it. I say this man was the most unprepossessing person. I say as ordinary and unlettered and unmagnetic as he was, yet he worked at it.

The best soul winners I know have not been educated people.

There was Mrs. Hardesty in Dallas, a seamstress who had only a high school education. She had never gone to a Bible school. She had never even taught a Sunday School class. Yet she got on fire to win souls and begin to win them. One day, the twenty-fifth day of June, 1933, she promised God she would try to win a hundred souls by Christmas; and she won 151 or 152. Then the next year she set out to try to win 500. The year went by and on New Year's Night she got up to confess her sins before God. She said, "Brother Rice, I didn't

win 500. I could have if I had meant business as I ought to have. I only won 360." A lot of preachers preach ten years and do not get that many saved. She worked at it day and night. What it takes is going after the people! Anybody can be a soul winner.

With Holy Fervor And The Power Of The Holy Spirit We can Compel Sinners To Be Saved

And the last word I must say is that we are to compel them. You say, "Can I make a person be saved?" Yes, sometimes you can. You are to compel them to come in.

I heard Gypsy Smith preach in Dallas one time. I determined before God that I was going to talk to the first man I say about his soul. So when I got outside the church there was a taxi driver waiting beside the curb. I said, "Say, listen; I want to talk to you. Are you saved?"

"Yes, sir, I believe I am."

I said, "Are you sure you have been born again?"

"Yes, I believe I have," he said.

I said, "Well, when did it happen?"

"Just now. There was a little short man with gray mustache who came out the side door here (in the late Dr. Truett's church, the First Baptist Church, Dallas). He talked to me. He said, 'You dare not wait! You may go to hell tonight.' He seemed so anxious that I felt I had to decide it now, and I did." Gypsy Smith had beat me to the taxi driver. You can get people saved. You can compel them to come in. You can compel them not only by teaching, by repetition and pressing the matter; but, listen, you can have the power of the Holy Spirit of God who works miracles, who makes drunkards sober and makes harlots pure. The miracle-working power of the Holy Spirit will go with you if you ever really mean business. Oh, may God give you that power that will help you to compel people to come in!

Let's go and compel them to come in! You Sunday School teachers are as accountable to God for bringing people in, getting them in your classes, as the superintendent is, or as the pastor is about the general congregation. Go and compel them to come in. Go and bring them in! You could have plenty of lost people here to preach to every Sunday, you would have them every Sunday coming to claim Christ, join the church and be baptized if you would just go and compel them to come in. God give you grace to do it!

The Love of God

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written. Here it is:

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
And ev'ry man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

Here, now, are four tremendous statements regarding the love of God.

First: "For God so loved the world"

"For God so loved..." Salvation starts with God. You had nothing to do with it. Before you were born God provided it for you. Don't think you can discover God. You never can. God is revealed, not discovered. He took the first step.

"God so loved..." That little word "so" speaks volumes. It explains all that follows, all that Christ endured for you, all that God suffered when He gave Christ. All He saves you from and all that He provided for you, is because He so loved you.

"God so loved..." The gods of the heathen are gods of hate and fear. Our God is a God of love. The heathen are afraid of their gods. We love our God. Their gods are gods of judgment, power and cruelty, bent on doing them injury. Our God is a God of judgment and power also, but first and foremost He is a God of love, seeking to do us good.

God does not love man's sin, but He loves man. You do not love your child's disease, but you love your child. Such love as God's is unfathomable. It is a love that cannot be understood, but a love that is real nevertheless. I want you, my friend, to know that God loves you. He loves you no matter what you have done, no matter how great your sin, and He always will love you in spite of your attitude toward Him.

"For God so loved the world..." That is what makes it impossible for the human mind to comprehend the love of God. The world is made up of rebels, men

who have turned their backs on God. Yet in spite of their rebellion, God loved them. The Bible says that "God commendeth His love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Again it says, "Christ died for the ungodly." God loved not alone the good, but the bad. When Jesus was being nailed to the cross He prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Such love is not human. It is divine. In spite of your enmity, God loves you. What marvelous, matchless love!

Had God wiped out the race as He destroyed the Antediluvians by the flood, and Sodom and Gomorrah by fire, we could have understood it, for that is what man would have done. We did not forgive the Nazi leaders of Germany and give them another chance; we executed them. Such is man's inhumanity to man. That is the way man acts. But not so God. His love forgives. God is merciful. He loves the unlovely, the rebellious and the sinful. Such love is supernatural. It is divine. For only God loves like that.

Had He loved only the lovely, the good and obedient, we could have understood it, for we love those who love us. We love our friends: that is human love. But God loves His enemies. He loves the disobedient and sinful. That love we cannot understand. It is beyond our comprehension.

The prodigal's father, you remember, loved his erring son, even though he had disgraced him by his life of debauchery and sin. He was waiting with outstretched arms to receive him. "This my son was dead and is alive again," he cried. "He was lost, and is found" (Luke 15:24). What a welcome! Such is the love of God.

Second: "That He gave His only begotten Son"

"For God so loved that he gave..." Love demands sacrifice. Love produces action. Love must demonstrate itself. That is true even of human love. God has proved His love by giving.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..." He could have sent an angel or even an archangel, but He didn't. He sent His Son, His nearest and His dearest. Nothing could have demonstrated His love like the giving of His only begotten Son. A father will give

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

We are getting many interesting letters from our students who are scattered all over the United States and other parts of the world during the summer vacation months. These Christian young people are giving a good testimony and are leading many to the Lord Jesus Christ. We quote from one of the most interesting letters:

I am on my way to Seattle in order to get work so I can come back to school again next fall. About two hundred miles from Los Angeles, we saw an accident. A young man was badly injured, and the car was completely turned over. My heart was burdened for the young man's soul. I knelt down and lifted up his head for him to drink some water. After he drank the water, I offered to pray for him. He looked at me and said, "Are you a Father?" I said, "No, I am not, but I am a Christian." I did the best I knew how in praying for him. I beseeched God to save him. I may not have handled the case in just the right way, but the Lord knows I did my best at this time of sudden emergency. How thankful I am for the lessons I learned at Bob Jones University in leading the Gospel gun and also in learning how to shoot the gun properly. Please pray for me.

Even we ourselves here at Bob Jones University cannot realize the widespread influence of this Christian institution. Think of almost three thousand young people, most of whom are aggressive spiritual

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"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Since March is letter month I want to do my duty as I love THE SWORD OF THE LORD very much.

"I first saw one of the papers when I received a sample copy through the mail. I hardly looked at it and threw it away as I knew nothing about it and thought it was probably full of modernism anyway.

"Some time later I received another sample copy and for some reason I began reading it. The more I read the more I liked it and promptly sent in a subscription for it. I thank God for such a paper and pray for you and your organization. Every Christian should read such a paper to help him grow in grace and become a soul winner for Christ. Every Christian should send it to some lost sinner, praying that it will help bring him to Christ.

"I don't know how many subscriptions I have sent in for other people: pastors, elders, Sunday School teachers, etc.

"I am a traveling salesman and I leave the copies I have read in hotel rooms, praying that God will use it to His glory. I also leave a copy of the booklet, *What Must I do to be Saved?* in almost every hotel room I stay in."

Jack Rediger
Lincoln, Nebraska

"Sirs:

"I have been a subscriber to the SWORD ever since I read the first copy sent to me as a sample. There is not another paper of its kind that can compare with it. I cannot begin to estimate the personal good it has done me. It has blessed me in my personal life, as a pastor, and in evangelistic work. Keep up the fight for truth and fundamentalism."

Jimmie E. Jones
High School Principal
Chester, Texas

"Dear Sirs:

"This year I will get my letter of request off before it is too late. I have taken this paper nearly six years and have given a number of subscriptions to others because of what it did for me.

"Through too much hard, heavy work and many discouragements, I had slipped into an indifference I had not realized till a bunch of these little papers were handed to me by my brother.

"I never received such a jolt in all my life as those evangelistic sermons gave me. They got me down on my knees in a hurry and I have thanked God oh so many times for this precious little paper! It certainly follows me now wherever I go. How I have long-

We are glad to have an ad in THE SWORD OF THE LORD from THE SOUTHWESTERN MUSICIAN. It is edited by an old school friend, Dr. H. Grady Harlan, chairman of the Department of Music, Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas. While the magazine is concerned with music in general, not Christian music in particular, we think it will be very interesting to musicians everywhere.

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FORMER 32nd DEGREE MASON GIVES TESTIMONY

Months ago Mr. Charles D. Miller, a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Elkhart, Indiana, wrote us the following letter. We publish it now with an earnest prayer that it may help others.

*Dear Brother Rice:

"Four years ago I was groping in darkness—seeking more light, in Masonry! Today—thanks to Jesus Christ my Lord and Master—I have found not only more, but the Only Light! Three years ago I was a member in good standing of the George Washington Lodge No. 325, Bristol, Indiana, also of Elkhart Commandery No. 31, Knights Templar. Other lodges in which I was a member in good standing at this time were Scottish Rite Masons (32°), South Bend, Indiana; Royal Arch Masons of Iowa; Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem No. 7 (held office of 1st Wiseman two years), Davenport, Iowa; Kaaba Temple (Shriner), Davenport, Iowa; Royal and Select Masters of Iowa (Council) No. 18, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Bristol, Indiana; Past member of Order of Eastern Star.

"Held office of Prince-Master of Palaces in Red Cross Degree—K. T. and Captain General in the Malta Degree. K. T.

"As you will note by my signed enclosed statement, I have rescinded all of my Masonic obligations simply because I have found through study of the Scriptures (God's Word) that Masonry does not require faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ, of its members. I could not continue to pretend to be a brother to any-

one not confessing Christ as their personal Saviour (II Cor. 6:14-18).

"I have mailed each lodge a copy of my statement and have since received Honorable Demits from all.

"I praise God for leading me out from darkness into light and suggest that every Mason read the Bible through, check and study the Scriptures with an open mind and heart. Then the Holy Spirit will lead and guide him to the truth. He will then find that faith in Jesus Christ and acceptance of Him as his personal Saviour will give him the new birth. Nicodemus asked Jesus about the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man is Satan's mirage to deceive otherwise good moral men.

"Brother Rice, you may use this testimony or any part of it in any manner suitable to you for the glory of Christ Jesus.

"Yours in Christ"

(Signed) Charles D. Miller.

"P. S. God has blessed my actions. I have been a Christian 2½ years and am serving my third year as deacon of the First Baptist Church, Elkhart, Indiana, one and one-half year teaching high school Sunday School class. Hallelujah!"

The statement which Brother

Free Conference Folders for Your Church!

(Continued from Page 1)

perhaps, without some help. Some fine Christian people have given money to help take care of beds for any minister or ministerial student who cannot otherwise afford to attend either of these conferences. We cannot pay transportation nor meals. We cannot provide for ministers' wives or families. But God willing, we will take care of beds for pastors, evangelists, missionaries or ministerial students who need this help to attend the conference.

However, we must make exact plans and we ask each minister who wants a free bed to send \$1 registration and reservation fee. That will guarantee your sincerity and make it so we can plan accurately. That will be the only required expense, besides such transportation and meals as each one may need to provide for himself.

We urge that wherever possible churches and other groups of Christians supply transportation and meals for pastors, missionaries and ministerial students. Co-operate with us in reviving the hearts of Christian workers.

Those who wish to reserve a free bed for either of the conferences, please observe the following carefully:

1. Write to Dr. John R. Rice, Conference Director, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois, saying, "Please reserve a free bed for _____ ministers at _____ conference."

2. Be sure to give the name of the conference for which bed is reserved.

3. Enclose \$1 for each minister or ministerial student for whom free bed is reserved.

The accommodations furnished will not be luxurious, but will be comfortable dormitory space—the best we can do.

Others Make Reservations At Once!

Those wishing to attend The Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, which begins Monday, July 11, runs through Sunday, July 17, should send their reservations at once. Write to Mr. A. J. Philippi, Lake Louise Conference Grounds, Toccoa, Georgia. Say how many will be in your party, when you will arrive

and enclose \$2 per person, hotel reservation fee, to reserve rooms.

Those who plan to attend the Cedar Lake, Indiana, conference, from Saturday, July 16, through Sunday, July 24, please write to Manager, Cedar Lake Conference Grounds, Cedar Lake, Indiana. State plainly the kind of accommodations desired. Some cottages are available for families, also hotel rooms, dormitory space and tent cottages. Write at once saying how many will be in your party, when you will arrive and enclose \$2 reservation fee per person.

Those planning on attending The Sword Conference on Revival at the Baptist State Assembly Ground, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, which will be held Sunday, August 7, through Sunday, August 14, please write directly to us at Wheaton: Dr. John R. Rice, Conference Director, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois. Send \$1 per person reservation fee, say how many will be in your party, when you will arrive. A few cabins are available for couples and family groups. Others will stay in separate dormitories for men and boys or for women and girls. Cot with mattress will be furnished, but each person must bring his own bed clothing and pillows.

Remember that for the Lake Louise Conference and Cedar Lake Conference, you must write directly to the conference grounds, to the addresses given above. For the Siloam Springs Conference, you must send reservation fee to Dr. John R. Rice, Conference Director, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

No Sword of the Lord Conference at Winona Lake This Year

Inquiry comes about what time The Sword of the Lord Conference at Winona Lake, Indiana, will be held.

The Sword of the Lord will have no conference on revival at Winona Lake this year. Some fine men and women, members of the International Association of Evangelists, each year have some part on the Bible conference program, and will do so this year. But these programs are not to be confused with The Sword Conferences on Revival and Soul Winning.

...Now Mrs. Allan MacMullen!

By The Editor

Two years ago I was in a revival campaign in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, a union campaign held in the First Methodist Church auditorium. My daughter Grace Jean Rice was pianist. Dr. Harry Clarke led the singing.

One of the cooperating pastors was Rev. Joseph MacMullen of the First Baptist Church. His brother, Allan MacMullen, was a bank teller in Lewistown and attended the revival services.

Allan and Grace Jean were very much attracted to each other, and before the three weeks were gone they were head-over-heels in love, but cautiously and prayerfully decided to wait on God, that His good will could be known beyond any doubt, before becoming definitely engaged.

Allan talked to me soberly about the matter. I told him how Grace had been given to God when she was a baby, for full-time Christian work and how she had been educated with this in mind. And she added that not only was she given to God by her parents but that she herself had definitely laid her life on the altar for full-

Miller sent to his Masonic friends is given below:

"To All Master Masons:

"Having accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, which includes unconditional belief in the Holy Bible as the inspired record of the Word of God, I cannot faithfully remain a member of the Masonic Order.

"My choice being between Christ and Masonry, I have chosen Christ, for it is written in the Scriptures—John 3:18:

"He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

"It is by no means necessary in order to become a member of the Blue Lodge for a man to confess Jesus Christ as God manifest in the flesh, but according to the Word of God one who does not thus receive the Lord Jesus and worship him as God is an unbeliever.

"An extremely high percentage of my former Lodge Brothers are Christians, no doubt—yet, an unbeliever could become a member. And the Word of God is emphatic in its insistence against any such alliance with unbelievers as is made necessary by fellowship in the Lodge. (II Cor. 6:14 to 7:2; I John 2:23).

"I hold all my former brothers in Masonry in high esteem and love them one and all. I will always do as much for them as a Christian as I could do for them as a Mason.

"Since it is necessary for a member of the higher degrees to be a Master Mason in good standing—this would automatically eliminate me in the Scottish Rite—Knights Templars, White Shrine, Shriners, etc.

"Should the Master Mason degree at any time include the acceptance of Christ as their Saviour in their ritual I shall be only too happy to reinstate in the order; until that time I hereby rescind any obligations I might have previously taken.

"Sincerely yours,"

(Signed) Charles D. Miller
1518 Avalon Street
Elkhart, Indiana

References:

"Matt. 21:42

"Matt. 16:22-24

"Matt. 7:1

"Deut. 22:10

"Mark 3:35

"Matt. 22:14"

If 6th readers are interested in the subject of what the Bible has to say about the oaths which people take in lodges, about being yoked up with unbelievers, about the false plan of salvation taught by most lodges, I suggest that you order the editor's pamphlet, *Lodges Examined by the Bible*, 9 chapters, 88 pages. Price, postpaid, 50c.

time Christian service. I told Allan plainly, "All the money spent in Grace's musical education, all the prayers and tears and discipline involved in rearing her for God were not meant to make her a banker's wife. Unless she has made a mistake and unless her mother and I have made a mistake in the leading of God, she ought to be in full-time Christian service." Allan felt, too, that he must not interfere with the will of God, and yet his feeling and conviction that Grace was to be his wife was unchanged.

Allan is a native of Nova Scotia, in Canada. After long service in the Canadian army overseas, he returned to take up banking. Serious, sober, reliable, he found there was great promise for him in the field of banking, but now he decided he should go finish his college work and earnestly wait upon God to see what was God's plan for his life.

He was accepted in Bob Jones University and began to do good work there. Soon he felt a deep hunger of heart to preach the Word of God. Upon writing his mother about this, he found that she had given him to God in babyhood and had prayed all these years that God would make him a preacher. Soon his mind was happily settled on this matter, he

began active soul winning and enrolled in the ministerial class. He has a burning desire to follow the call of God to be an evangelist.

On June 9, at the Wheaton Bible Church, Allan and Grace were married. Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, and this editor, together conducted the service, attended by hundreds of friends. For the summer the young couple will remain in Wheaton. Then Mr. MacMullen will continue his ministerial training.

The Sword Book Club members will now remember that letters signed by Mrs. MacMullen are from the same Grace Jean Rice who has been assistant director before. She has been active in the editor's work since her graduation from college and before. For the present at least she will continue her work with the Sword Book Club and we know all our friends will wish the young couple well.

Grace Jean is a graduate of Wheaton College with A.B. degree; with M.A. degree in music from Bob Jones University, and with studies in the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago.

Allan is from a fine Christian family and I have every confidence that he will make a strong preacher of the gospel, a powerful soul winner. God has been especially good to me and Mrs. Rice in that our three sons-in-law are all dedicated to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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MR. T. H. EILAND,
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MRS. CARL WEBB,
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Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cravens,
Ogallala, Nebr.

The three testimonies quoted above are only a few of the many received in The Sword of the Lord office in a brief period of time. If you need convincing, or if you have friends who need convincing of the terrible danger of the movies and the dance, then by all means order the companion books today. They are moderate in speech, Christian in tone. Pastors, teachers, parents and young people by all means should read these books:

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A Grandmother Likes Article on "Immodest Dress"

By The Editor

We have had a flood of letters on the article, "Questions About Immodest Dress Answered." The shocking tendency toward nudity everywhere should be halted in Christian families. Mothers should see that little children are taught the sanctity of the body taught the sweetness of modesty as a part of character, taught that the body should be kept covered reverently.

We have a lovely letter from a grandmother which we think should be read seriously by mothers. Hence we quote it here.

Olympia, Washington
June 9, 1949

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I just want to congratulate you upon the article, 'Questions Answered About Immodest Dress,' in the last issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It is truly the finest Scriptural discussion on the subject that I have ever seen, and I hope it will be given wide publicity. It is reasonable, logical, Scriptural, kindly; it goes to the bottom of things. You have gone into every point so thoroughly and Scripturally that it would be presumptuous for me to mention each one specifically, only to say that I have enjoyed your challenging answer to each of the questions that are often asked in regard to Christian living.

"I did read it with the hope that you would freely discuss the way Christian mothers dress their little children, especially girls, in sunsuits that leave their little bodies practically naked. You did mention it, but maybe it could have been emphasized a bit more. If modesty is not instilled in their little minds at an early age, it never will be done later. In my day—and I am a grandmother—we had it drilled into us from babyhood that we must 'keep your dress down,' 'keep your feet down,' and I am still shocked when this admonition is never heard, not even in my Christian daughter's home. I must have failed in some way to instill it into her, and I cannot understand how I could have when it is so deeply instilled into my consciousness even yet. Dresses are so short, and nothing under them.

"Another thing is the way the young mothers and fathers in that same Christian circle discuss freely the things that cause me to want to hang my head in shame.

They talk about their private, personal lives as freely as they do about anything else, and they discuss them in the presence of their children. Even the little ones five and six years old know all the intimate facts that it seems to me should be kept until they are old enough to know how to keep these facts inviolate and sacred in the family. When I made a protest to my daughter about her little girl knowing all these things at the age of five and six, she said scoffingly, 'Yes, they used to tell the children that storks brought the babies.' No, I never told falsehoods to my children, but I waited until they inquired about the facts that they were old enough to know or until I thought they should know them, then I told the truth so far as they were curious and interested. I didn't force the facts upon them. I meant to say that these private, personal matters are discussed in mixed groups and without any sense of reserve.

"A new baby, for one thing, is announced as soon as pregnancy is known, and everybody knows it months ahead. Whether this is true everywhere throughout the land, I do not know, but it certainly is in this locality, and I believe in other church groups as well as our own. I do not think it is right nor Scriptural. Thank you, Dr. Rice, for your fearless condemnation of all things that are a peril to the cause of righteousness. You and your work are remembered in prayer. Do not trouble to answer this—your time can be spent in more necessary ways. Lord bless you and keep you and yours.

"Sincerely,"

(Mrs.) Lulu J. Cheesman.

REPORT OF TENT REVIVAL IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

By Floyd Hitchcock, Radio Pastor over KWTO

The dates, May 8th through June 5th, will long be remembered in Springfield, Missouri, because they represent the time when God worked in a very unusual way to bring the Gospel to the city through a union tent revival. This revival effort began in the hearts of a very few sincere Christians who saw and realized the need of revival and prayed earnestly for it. As a result of cottage prayer meetings, steps were taken to plan for such a revival effort. This band of believers wanted to know they were in the center of God's will in planning for such a revival effort. Under the leadership and guidance of God's Holy Spirit, Dr. John R. Rice, evangelist of Wheaton, Illinois, was chosen as the special speaker for this series of meetings. He brought Reverend Everett Mills of Los Angeles, California, as song leader.

An inter-church committee was established to carry on the various details of the coming revival, with Mr. C. H. Rosenbalm acting as chairman of the Steering Committee.

Large Tent

A large tent with a seating capacity of more than two thou-

sand people was erected in a favorable location, near the center of the city. Immediately preceding the opening of this revival campaign the city of Springfield was completely covered with handbills and with a Gospel tract entitled, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" These were handed from door to door, and people were personally invited to attend the services. Other channels of advertising such as automobile posters, billboard and newspaper advertising were employed. During the revival effort, practically every one in the phone book was called and invited to attend the services in the big tent. During the one month of revival effort, Brother Everett Mills, the song leader, was busily engaged in conducting special services for children in schools and churches in various sections of the city. Many children were saved in these special meetings. Dr. Rice was also kept very busy speaking to various civic groups throughout the city.

Radio Ministry

Both Dr. Rice and Brother Mills frequently spoke over radio KWTO on the Faith of Our

With the Evangelists Reports From America's Outstanding Soul Winners

By The Editor

It is my constant prayer that the Lord will raise up evangelists, men who know the Word of God, men filled with the Holy Spirit, men unselfishly ready to burn out for Christ in preaching the gospel. Evangelists need to be bold in preaching against sin, need to be tender, friendly, loving men with the compassion of Christ for sinners and with charity to all the people of God. They must be men of faith, able to trust the Lord for His support and power and results.

I recently counted seventeen evangelists now being greatly used of God whom we have introduced to the public in the last five years through THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Pray God to raise up evangelists and that He will open the doors of service for them.

Dr. Oswald J. Smith Praises E. J. Daniels' Revival

Our beloved brother, Dr. E. J. Daniels of Fairfield, Alabama, has recently had a revival engagement in the large Peoples Church, Toronto. Dr. Oswald Smith, the pastor, writes as follows:

"We all know that Daniels was here. As a matter of fact, we will never forget it. He made such an impression on our people that they want him back again, especially the young people. With him were Rev. and Mrs. Neil Macaulay, musicians.

"Rev. E. J. Daniels D.D., successful American evangelist, held a campaign for two weeks in The Peoples Church—the best campaign, in the minds of many people ever held. The results were most gratifying. There were 44 for salvation, 22 for restoration, 8 for assurance, 17 for victory. These comprised 42 adults, 39 young people, and 10 children.

"Dr. Daniels is a choice spirit. We found him most gracious and very easy to work with. He never put the emphasis on money at any time. He was always after spiritual results. At one time he stayed up until two o'clock in the morning with a drunkard to win him to Christ. He had some most remarkable results. There were great crowds every night.

"He preached straight from the shoulder. His messages were dynamic and convicting. He was a blessing to the Christians and many of them got the burden for souls as never before. All were revived. Each night he showed Bible pictures.

"Mr. and Mrs. Macaulay did a splendid job. They used the vibraharp, the accordion, the cornet, the piano, the organ, the magic wand, and the cowbells. We have never seen so many young people in any of our campaigns. Their gifts were tremendously appreciated by everyone.

"We have already arranged with Dr. Daniels and Mr. and Mrs.

Fathers Program, and over station KGBX for Reverend W. E. Dowell. In this way their ministry reached out to large radio audiences throughout Springfield and the surrounding territory. As a result, people came individually, and in large groups from a radius of one hundred miles or more in every direction to attend the services of the revival.

Good Singing, Faithful Preaching

I am sure that all who attended the services of this revival were greatly inspired by the good singing, and were greatly encouraged and edified by the straightforward preaching of the Gospel. Dr. Rice is a fearless preacher of God's Word, and possesses the rare combination of courage on the one hand, and tenderness of spirit on the other, in preaching the Gospel. During the services of this revival, God wonderfully blessed His Word to the saved and the unsaved alike. Many children were also saved in the special meetings held for them by Brother Mills.

Macaulay to be with us again for another campaign commencing the first Sunday of May, 1950; this time for three weeks and four Sundays, and we are already looking forward to a great ingathering of souls."

Pastor Tells of Revival Led by Evangelist Millard Box

Evangelist Millard Box of Neosho, Missouri, recently held a blessed revival with the Victory Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. The pastor, Rev. Virgil Peterson, writes the following glowing account of the revival:

"Dear Bro. Rice:

"I am writing concerning the revival meeting that we had in our church. God opened the windows of Heaven and poured out a blessing upon us. Many lives were rededicated, differences were settled, and a religious quickening in general was the experience of the church. As a result, 36 came for baptism under the Spirit-filled preaching of Brother Millard Box of Neosho, Missouri. It was during the revival that Brother Box definitely surrendered to go out into the field of evangelism. In answer to prayer—while praying with your Brother Joe—God wonderfully provided the money for him to buy a nice trailer-house so that his wife and two-year-old daughter could be with him. We had this fine couple in our home and have never enjoyed fellowship any sweeter. They will be a great blessing wherever they go, and any church, regardless of size, in need of an evangelist should prayerfully consider them. Mrs. Box is a fine Christian woman and can play a piano and give chalk talks.

"Bro. Rice, I thank God that I was able to attend the conference down at Siloam Springs last year and I look forward with keen anticipation to the conference at Toccoa, Georgia. I recorded some of the messages, last year and many people have been blessed by

them; also many have laughed and laughed at Bill's bronco riding experience."

We are glad Brother Peterson is going to Toccoa, Georgia, Conference on Revival and Soul Winning July 11-17. Have you made your reservation? If not, write at once to Mr. A. J. Philippi, Lake Louise Conference Grounds, Toccoa, Georgia.

Brother Millard Box may be reached at 329 W. McKinley Street, Neosho, Missouri.

Evangelist James V. Lamb's Revival Services Makes Pastor Happy

Rev. Earl L. Pounds of the St. Louis Park Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, writes the following enthusiastic account of revival services held by our beloved brother, Evangelist James V. Lamb:

"Dear Sir:

"The St. Louis Park Baptist Church has just completed one of the most successful revival campaigns ever experienced in the history of the church.

"Evangelist James V. Lamb of Eldon, Missouri, who directed the meeting, is a humble, preaching, teaching, fearless, but tactful evangelist. In the pulpit and on our daily radio programs we found the people eagerly listened to his simple but powerful messages and between 40 and 50 people, mostly adults, are expected to unite with our church as a result.

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The Love of God

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everything he possesses before he will give his son.

Bear in mind, if you will, that God could have rescued His Son even from the cross, and yet He let him die. He witnessed His death struggles. He let Him suffer and never raised a hand to save Him. Would you have done that? Could you as a father, could you let your son suffer such excruciating agony, knowing full well that you had the power to rescue him, to save him from it all, and yet never make an effort to do anything? Impossible! There isn't a father in the world who could stand by and see wicked men drive cruel spikes into the hands and feet of his son and not make an effort to save him.

But God did. God allowed His Son to die when He could have rescued Him. That is what makes His love so wonderful. It is a love beyond human understanding. It is not human; it is divine. God's love is so great that He could allow His Son to suffer and die and make no effort to save Him, when He could have done so at any time. Such love, I say, is beyond human comprehension. He did it because of His love for you. To save you, He had to let His Son die.

Isaac, you remember, was saved, for just as Abraham was about to slay him, God cried out, "Abraham, Abraham... Lay not thine hand upon the lad" (Gen. 22:12). But when Jesus, in the agony of His soul, exclaimed, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46), there was no voice that answered. God turned away His face and let Him die. To save you, He had to sacrifice His Son. Oh, what love!

Third: "That whosoever believeth on Him"

Now there are three great things in this statement expressed by three words. First, "whoever." Here we have the universality of God's offer of salvation. It is for you, for me, or for anybody else. It takes in the yellow and the brown, the black and the white. It includes sinners of the deepest dye, as well as those who have lived moral and upright lives. It makes no difference what a man is or what he has done, he is included in God's "whoever."

Peter thought it was only for the Jews, and God had to give him a special vision before he would go to the Gentiles. God's love is universal, and so is His salvation. It is for Jew and Gentile alike.

I urge you, then, to come to Him. You need not fear, I do not care what you have done, or who you are. God offers you salvation just like anybody else. Drunkards, harlots, liars, thieves, dope fiends, blasphemers—all may come. God says, "whoever."

The second word is the word "believeth." "Whoever believeth on Him..." Faith connects the sinner with God. It simply means trusting Jesus Christ. In other words, you must lean your whole weight on Him. It is a word of action. It has nothing whatever to do with your intellect. It does not say that you must believe certain things about Jesus Christ. It says you must trust Him.

You must trust Him as you trust an elevator when you step into it; as you trust a boat when you go aboard; as you trust a street-car when you enter it. Forget your intellect. Never mind what you believe or what you do not believe. Dare to venture all on Jesus Christ; that is trust. You have believed all your life, now you must act, and when you do you will be saved.

It is "not of works" (Eph. 2:9). There is nothing you can do to merit it. All your prayers and fastings will not save you. All your church-going and religious practices will be unavailing. Penance, self-denial, bodily afflictions, pilgrimages—works of any kind—all, yea, all, will be ineffective. For you are saved, not by works, but by faith.

The third word is the word "Him," referring, of course, to the Lord Jesus Christ. "Whoever believeth on him..." Do not

worry about your faith. It makes no difference whether you have much or little, nor what kind of faith it is. It may only be like a grain of mustard seed. Forget your faith. Think now of the object of your faith. Think of the One you are to trust. Put your faith in a person and let that person be the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is not your faith that saves you; it is Christ. Why, then, worry about your faith? Look to Jesus. Rely upon Him. He is the One who saves. Dare then to trust Him.

If you put your faith in the wrong person, you will never be saved. If you put your faith in religion or in the church, you will not be saved. If you put it in your good works, your morality, again, you will not be saved; but if you put it in Christ, He will save you. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." He is your one and only hope. That is why God says, "Whosoever believeth on Him..."

Fourth: "Should not perish but have everlasting life"

There are two things here. First, we are saved from something—"should not perish..." We are saved from death. Second, we are given something—"but have everlasting life." We are given life.

To perish means to die, and to die eternally, to be forever separated from God. That is spiritual death. According to God's Word, men are "dead in trespasses and in sins," and they have to be quickened into life. I am preaching now to dead men, to corpses, and Jesus says, "Ye shall die in your sins." In other words, unless you receive eternal life you will pass out of this life as you are, namely, "dead in trespasses and in sins."

Look at this fruit. See these vegetables. They all look good. But they are perishing. They are in a state of death. Soon they will become corrupt. Little by little they will rot away. As a matter of fact, they are dead already, for they have been severed from the tree and from the vine. So it is with you. Appearances do not matter. You are already dead; you are right now perishing. The lake of fire awaits you. Eternal death will be your doom. There is no hope; you cannot be saved—unless you are quickened into life, unless you are grafted into God.

Now God wants to save you from death, and so He offers you life, everlasting life. And I come to you today as His ambassador, with His message of life, eternal life. I offer you now God-life, uncreated life, the life of the ages. Will you have it? Do you want to remain in a state of death? Or do you want this glorious, indestructible life that God now offers you? It is for you to decide.

I cannot explain it. I do not understand it myself, but I know I have it. I have had it ever since I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I became a partaker of divine life and that life is mine today. I know where I am going. Death will not mean a plunge into the dark so far as I am concerned. "He loved me and gave himself for me." I accepted Him as my Saviour and now I have His life. Therefore, I will never perish, and no one will ever pluck me out of His hands. I am His and He is mine, and mine for all eternity.

This, my friend, is the love of God. Is it not wonderful? What matchless grace! What a glorious revelation! How can you spurn it? How can you turn away? What will you say when you stand before Him? He can forgive anything. But to despise His love, to spurn His offer of mercy, to reject His only begotten Son—that is something that never can be forgiven.

I plead with you because God loves you. This one verse alone is sufficient to prove it. Herein is the gospel. It is now for you to open your heart and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Will

you do it? Do it — NOW.

My Decision for Christ

You have read the above fine message by Dr. Oswald J. Smith. You have been brought face to face with the truth that God loves you, that Christ died for you, that you may be saved today if you will trust Christ. If you will here and now put your trust in Christ as Saviour and give Him your heart forever, please sign the decision form below, then copy it in a letter or on a post card and send it to me. After the decision is made in your heart, you will have joy and assurance by confessing Christ to others. And I

will rejoice with you and send word to Dr. Smith that you have found Christ. And I will send you a personal letter of encouragement and counsel. Oh, say yes to the Lord Jesus in your heart today, sign the decision for Christ, copy it and mail it at once.

Dr. John R. Rice, Editor
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Dr. Oswald J. Smith's sermon, "The Love of God." I know I am a sinner who needs salvation. I am glad that

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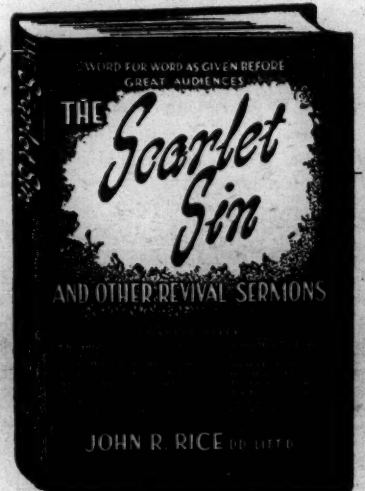
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